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Dear Sir:

In lieu of the pending claims 1-32 which are hereby canceled, please enter the following new claims 33-58:

33. A method for generating a composite video sequence from a plurality of given video sequences, comprising the steps of:

- (a) synchronizing the given video sequences into a corresponding plurality of synchronized video sequences;
- (b) choosing a camera reference coordinate system for each frame of each synchronized video sequence and obtaining a